Allocation of funds to Orissa under JNNURM

2314. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very less amount of money has been spent for Orissa under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for not allocating more funds to Orissa under this scheme;

(c) if so, whether Government would take the initiative for allocating more funds especially to Orissa under this scheme;

(d) if not, the major policy guidelines and other problems due to which allocating more funds to Orissa is not possible; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Urban Development have sanctioned 2 projects under the Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for Bhubaneswar at a total cost of Rs. 504.93 crore, where in the committed Additional Central Assistance is Rs. 403.94 crore and Rs. 52.79 crore has been released so far.

Further under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town (UIDSSMT) of JNNURM, 9 projects in 6 towns have been sanctioned at the approved cost of Rs. 112.52 crore including committed Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 91.70 crore and Rs. 37.00 crore has been released so far.

Indicative allocation of the funds under JNNURM amongst the States and Union Territories for the entire Mission Period 2005-12 has been made. Under the UIG component of JNNURM, Rs. 172.35 crore has been allocated for the entire Mission period for Orissa. Bhubaneswar and Puri are two select cities of the State of Orissa. Under UIDSSMT, Orissa State has been allocated Rs. 181.79 crore during whole Mission period. The allocation for UIG component under JNNURM is based on urban population of Mission cities and allocation for UIDSSMT is based on urban population of State minus population of Mission cities as per census 2001. JNNURM is a demand driven programme wherein States are required to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for sanction of projects and release of funds.

Hyderabad MRTS Project

2315. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to support Hyderabad Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) project under viability gap funding scheme of the Central Government;

(b) the reasons for delay in giving clearance to it; and

(c) by when the total Central Assistance of Rs. 2870 crores for Hyderabad MRTS project is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had originally submitted the proposal for implementation of Metro Rail Project in Hyderabad for 66.39 km at an estimated completion cost of Rs. 8482 crore. It has now submitted a revised proposal for 71 km at an estimated cost of Rs. 9696 crore seeking Viability Gap Funding of Rs. 1939 crore. The project was discussed at the official level Committee of Ministry of Finance dealing with Viability Gap Funding on 4.12.2007 and subsequently, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has since submitted the draft Concession Agreement (DCA) on 10.3.2008. DCA has been circulated to members of Empowered Institution for comments on 12.3.2008.

(b) The State Government had to submit complete documents in accordance with the Scheme for support to Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in Infrastructure of Ministry of Finance. The documents have been submitted recently only.

(c) It is too pre-mature to indicate the likely date for the release of Central assistance or the quantum thereof as the same would be known after the bidding process is completed by the State Government.

Public conveniences on Delhi Metro Stations

2316. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations of the Delhi Metro functioning as on 1st March, 2008, line-wise;

(b) the number out of them where public conveniences have been provided at the platforms, which are essential as the travelling time is increasing due to extension of services, particularly for the aged and children, line-wise; and

(c) by when all the metro stations in Delhi are likely to be provided with such facilities on platforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The number of stations of the Delhi Metro functioning as on 1st March, 2008, line-wise, is as under:—

Line No . 1	-	18
Line No. 2	-	10
Line No. 3	-	30

(b) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. has reported that no public conveniences have been provided at the platforms. However, public conveniences are available on ground/ concourse level of the Metro stations. The facilities are available at the following number of Metro stations (line-wise):—

Line No. 1	-	13 functional and 5 ready for commissioning
Line No.2	-	1 functional
Line No. 3	-	25 functional and 2 ready for comissioning

(c) There is no plan by DMRC to provide such facilities at platforms.